

Council Resolution 166-2025 Fiscal Analysis

Introduced: September 2, 2025

Fiscal Manager: Owen Kahn

Legislative Intent: This legislation amends the Howard County Investment Policy.

ANALYSIS

Fiscal Impact:

This legislation will not have an impact on the County budget. According to the Department of Finance, changes to the investment policy will align the policy with the most recent State, Federal, and Governmental Accounting Standards Board (GASB) guidelines. **There are no planned changes to the investment strategy because of this legislation.**

The objectives of the Investment Policy are to ensure the safety and diversity of investments, maintain sufficient liquidity to meet operating needs, and yield a return of investment at least equal to U.S. Treasury bill yields (typically about 4%-5%). These goals are not significantly amended in the legislation. Examples of County investments include certificates of deposit (Maryland State banks only); acceptances; commercial paper; U.S. Government and Federal agency obligations; Treasury and other government mutual funds; supranational issuers; and the State of Maryland investment pool.

The Investment Policy covers cash and investments in funds such as the general fund, special revenue funds, capital project funds, and debt service funds. This policy does not cover investments in the Howard County Retirement Plan or other employee benefit funds.

Budget Implications:

- N/A.

Other Notes:

- Reports on investments covered by this policy can be found in the Department of Finance's [Annual Comprehensive Financial Report](#).